

Mercury Workgroup Funding Subcommittee Meeting Summary
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Cannon Health Building, Room 336

Attendees:

Amy Dickey: DWQ
Nathan Darnall: USFWS
Bruce Waddell: Private Duck Clubs
John Whitehead : DWQ

The goal of the meeting was to clarify the purpose of the funding subcommittee and identify who the members should be.

At the statewide mercury workgroup meeting on September 28, 2006 the topic of a funding subcommittee was discussed. This group could look into potential funding sources and prepare figures and budget tables to go into new proposals.

Based on priorities developed by the goals subcommittee, the funding subcommittee would have four major focus points for which funding will be needed. These include:

- characterization of the problem,
- source identification,
- source minimization and
- information and education.
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The information and education aspect is important because, as the public becomes more aware of the issue, the likelihood of funding might increase. Within the focus areas mentioned above there is room for more subdivision. For example, when characterizing the problem, we could look at different species, different watersheds, human health impacts, and ecological impacts. These will in turn influence who, what, and how the subcommittee requests for funding.

The subcommittee should work to identify funding sources, including grants, foundation sponsorship, industry, state, federal, and others, and to seek partnerships when possible.

The subcommittee will need additional representation to be effective. At a minimum, representatives should include DWQ, USFWS, DWR, DOH, DAQ, and the Great Salt Lakekeeper.